



City of Wichita

# Wichita Police Department

Monthly Report

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## Special points of interest:

***By the end of April, Payroll had all of the Investigations and Support Services divisions, with the exception of Special Operations Bureau, using the new electronic over-time database.***

## Annual Law Enforcement Memorial held

The annual Law Enforcement Memorial Service was held on May 10 in the City Hall Council Chambers. Hundreds of police officers and sheriff's deputies showed up in uniform to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in the line of duty.



Honor guard members from the Wichita Police Department, Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office and Wichita Fire Department participated.



Lt. Roy Mitchell and Sgt. Greg Lathrop conduct the roll call for the fallen officers and deputies.

Family members of the fallen heroes gathered in the fifth floor briefing room before the service for a short meeting with Chief Williams and Sheriff Steed.

Mayor Mayans and Chair Unruh read pro-

clamations and Chief Williams and Sheriff Steed addressed the attendees.

William McCollum played Amazing Grace on the bagpipes and Officer Ron Hunt and EMT Lee Chambers played Taps on the trumpet.

Police Chaplain Dave Henion closed the service with prayer.

FOP provided lunch.



Chief Williams and Sheriff Steed stand at attention after the laying of the wreath.

## Letter from citizen to police: Riverfest

To all:

Just a short note to thank all the men and women who worked the Wichita Riverfest. I and my family are very grateful for the work you all did downtown. I understand this is not much of a reward for the hard work and the friendly attitude of the Police force. Everyone of you deserve a big thank you for your commitment to providing a safe and enjoyable time for the citizens of Wichita and the downtown activities we enjoy. **THANK YOU - THANK YOU** My family appreciates you and all the people we talked to appreciate you and your good work. **THANK YOU SO MUCH.** Edd T. and family.



## Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police recognizes WPD officers

A number of Wichita Police Department commissioned personnel were honored by the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police in May.

The following individuals received the Gold Award recognizing uncommon valor in the line of duty: Lt. Scott Heimerman, Detective Bart Brunscheen, Officer Enrique

Aguiniga De La Torre, Officer Brian Arterburn, Officer Brad Carver and Officer Ramon Machain.

The following individuals received the Bronze Award to recognize outstanding achievement above and beyond normal law enforcement responsibilities and duties: Lt. Chris Bannister, Officer Renay

Bryand, Officer Travis Cleveland, Officer Al Demby, Officer Brandon Gourley, Officer Paul Herman, Officer Brian Shelton, Officer Shannon Tucker and Officer Patrick Williams.



## Officer Pichler is committed to Department's Mounted Unit

Officer Shawn Pichler is truly appreciated by members of the Department's Mounted Unit.

Officer Pichler is the Unit's only trainer and has held the position since 2002 when he became certified.

He has been a member of the Unit since 1993, and has more than 20 years of experience with



horses. He has used his experience to pass on his knowledge to the current members of the Mounted Unit.

According to Sgt. Brian Sigman, Unit Commander, Officer Pichler is always a great source of information when it comes to training issues that may arise, or questions about the stability of any of the Unit's horses.

He understands how to deal with all the horses of the Unit even though they all have different personalities and training needs.

The Unit has two new horses, and Officer Pichler has been tasked with training them, along with maintaining his current position as the Department's accident follow-up officer.

"Without Officer Pichler's involvement with the Unit, and his dedication to its training, the Unit would not be what it is today," said Sgt. Sigman. "He is to be commended on his dedication to the Unit and the department to further the cause of law enforcement in our great city."

## Patrol North runs DUI check lane as part of IDDP grant



Patrol North Officers ran a DUI check lane on May 20 at 1800 N. Hillside as a part of the Impaired Driving Deterrence Program.

The check lane resulted in two DUI arrests, two suspended driver's license arrests, one traffic warrant arrest, two seatbelt violations, and three juveniles were arrested for curfew violations.

Those participating in the check lane included Service Officer Marcel McNaught, Lt. Mike Hennessey, Sgt. James Buttgenbach, Officer Troy Bussard, Officer Bart Norton, Officer Aaron White-man, Officer Gary Hardesty, Officer Glenn Ludwig and Officer Paul Kimble.



## Did You Know.....

During the month of May, WPD members received 37 CPRs that were generated internally and 72 that were generated externally.

The Professional Standards Bureau opened three external complaints on members of the Department during May. There were 10 internal complaints filed against Department employees in May.

In the month of May, Field Services personnel issued 6,557 moving citations and 2,034 parking citations.

Thus far in 2005, the Awards committee has approved 168 awards. Of those, 138 went to Field Services, 24 to Investigations, and six to Support Services. A little more than half of those, 54 percent, were for traditional policing efforts; 46 percent were for community policing efforts.

The Pre-employment staff at Training worked throughout the month to hire the members of the

Lt. Jeff Weible presented to Executive Staff on the security startup at City Hall. He continues to work with IT/IS, Public Works, and the architect hired by the City to integrate security operations into City Hall.



Officer Glen Kyle taught a segment of the Violence in the Workplace class on May 25.

Case Review sent 17 indicators in May (5 East, 3 North, 4 South, 5 West) for reporting errors. Notification sheets and CAD sheets for missing incidents are being sent to Field Services. Court was sent documentation on 2,592 cases, Triple Is, and DJ's in May. For the year 9,468 cases were provided from LaserFiche imaged cases.

Additionally, 514 case folders, 1,332 Triple I's, and 581 DJs were provided.

July recruit class. Fourteen conditional job offers were approved, five of which are overfills.

Detective Lem Moore, EMCU, charged a 40-year-old woman with four counts of aggravated battery and one count of abuse of a child. The woman had been beating her 14-year-old daughter with an extension cord for the past two years. The most recent incident also involved the 14-year-old being choked with a stereo speaker cord.



Command Staff visited the Range in May to qualify in firearms. With the help of the outstanding Range staff, everyone eventually qualified.

## Councilman Brewer recognized at North



Councilman Carl Brewer supports the Patrol North Bureau.

Patrol North presented Councilman Carl Brewer with a Buffalo Soldiers print to express their appreciation for all that he does for the Patrol North Bureau and the Northeast community.

On May 21, Councilman Brewer provided barbeque for the Patrol North employee appreciation day.

Efforts of the Court Liaison Section have resulted in a savings of \$1,837,055 this year through May. This represents on-duty and off-duty expenses if every WPD member under subpoena been required to attend. Through May, estimated expense of off-duty court attendance is \$68,040. Estimated expense of on-duty attendance is \$20,200. The savings through May is \$344,111 more than the amount of savings at the same time last year.



## Identified crime trend ends in arrests 48 hours later

In May, Sgt. Steve Yarberry noticed a string of armed robberies, which were occurring in the area of Douglas and Seneca during 2<sup>nd</sup> Watch.

He noted that the suspect descriptions from four robberies were similar enough to conclude that the same two suspects were involved. These robberies included The Egg Roll King at 1225 W. Douglas on Jan. 27, McDonalds at 122 N. Seneca on April 29, Taco Tico at 118 W. Douglas on May 12 and The Egg Roll King at 1225 W. Douglas on May 13.

Sgt. Yarberry immediately contacted Officer Nichelle Woodrow and discussed the details of the cases. Officer Woodrow initiated a crime trend complaint and contacted Officer Amie Fiegel.

The officers devised a plan to

conduct follow up on the complaint. Officers Woodrow and Fiegel worked

a special assignment the next day. During their assignment, they contacted several business and developed additional witnesses who were able to identify one of the suspects in the cases.

The officers located the suspect and convinced him to accompany them to the Investigations Division to speak with detectives. During the interview, the suspect denied any involvement, but told them that he knew a male who lived in a next door apartment and had robbed the Taco Tico.



The officers identified that suspect and found that he was in the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility on unrelated charges. The officers passed the information on to Detective Warren Dalrymple who contacted the suspect. During the interview, the suspect implicated the original suspect. Officer Woodrow then located him and returned him to the Investigations Division.

As a direct result of the officers' outstanding follow up, both suspects were charged with four counts of aggravated robbery. This incident is a prime example of beat officers and a field supervisor working together to identify a crime trend and, within 48 hours, solve a string of robberies, which had been occurring since January.

## Attention to detail and use of Beat Book pays off on burglary case

Officer Laura Crafton and Officer Mike Leiber responded to a burglary call in the 800 block of North Brookfield in May. The residents advised that while they were gone during the day someone had entered the residence through a rear window.

The only item missing was money. The residents said they were acquainted with a teenage male who they believed had been involved in similar burglaries a few months ago. They only knew his first name, but a good shoe impression was found at the scene.

Several months before this burglary, Officer Maurice Mitchell, while still assigned to Community Policing, had encountered this teenage suspect during a suspicious character call and had placed his information in the 38 Beat Team book.

Officer Leiber located the suspect information in the 38 Beat book and since Officer Mitchell was already in the area of the suspect's residence, he offered to check for the suspect since he was acquainted with him and his grandmother. Due to the rapport he had established with the grandmother as the 38 Beat Coordinator, she cooperated and told Officer Mitchell her grandson was now at a correctional facility.

Officers Crafton and Leiber contacted the suspect and found his shoes matched the impression left at the burglary scene.

Due to Officer Mitchell's excellent interview skills and rapport he had established with this suspect on his previous contact, Officer Mitchell was able to obtain good information and the suspect was booked for burglary and

theft. This case is an outstanding example of teamwork and the importance of recording information in the beat books.

Officers Leiber and Crafton demonstrated diligence, intelligence and persistence in doing immediate follow-up on this case.

Officer Mitchell demonstrated outstanding investigative skills, intelligence and diligence by thoroughly investigating a mere suspicious character call eight months previously and he was able to recall this suspect's MO and information once contacted by Officers Crafton and Leiber.

Detective Tim Mitchell charged the suspect with one count burglary and theft. Detective Mitchell commented on the outstanding way this case was handled by all the officers and especially Officer Mitchell.

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**The Community Policing Quarterly meeting was hosted by Patrol North on May 4 at Evergreen Neighborhood City Hall.**

## Beat Coordinators



# Officer identifies burglar who then flees town

A burglar caught on surveillance tape didn't stand much of a chance once Officer Delana Maris got involved.

On March 29 a man forced entry into the Gotta Stop Convenience Store at 5600 W. Macarthur, taking various items including Kansas Lottery tickets.

A surveillance camera captured a clear image of the suspect and his vehicle. Photos of the suspect and his vehicle were sent to patrol to see if anyone recognized the suspect. Officer Maris, Beat Coordinator for 17 Beat, thought that the suspect might be from out of town so she began checking West Kellogg to see if she could locate the suspect at a motel.

Her search did not locate the vehicle, but as she was driving on the entrance ramp a short time later from Sycamore to Kellogg she saw a vehicle abandoned on the shoulder of the road.

Officer Maris stopped to check the car and noticed that it looked like the suspect vehicle from the burglary. She ran the tag and identified the owner. She then obtained a mug shot of the vehicle owner and he turned out to be the same person as the suspect on the surveillance video.

Officer Maris contacted her supervisor and advised him of what she had found and the steps she had taken so far. She then contacted the Investigations Division and spoke with Detectives Kathy Dye and Mark Bloomquist. Officer Maris located two possible addresses for the suspect and advised the detectives of this information. Officers were dispatched to the locations but the suspect was



not located. A search warrant was drawn on the vehicle and some evidence was recovered. Since the suspect's location was unknown, his photograph was given to the local news media in an attempt to generate leads on his location.

Detectives were notified a short time later that the suspect had been captured in Texas where he unsuccessfully attempted to rob a pawn shop.

The suspect is now awaiting trial and has also been charged with taking a gun in a burglary in Park City. He may also be tied to other crimes in Wichita.

Because of Officer Maris' work, the suspect was identified and pressure from the media caused him to leave Wichita. For whatever reasons, his crimes were becoming more violent and it was just a matter of time before he hurt someone.